

Fort Union National Monument

2017 Event Schedule



Junior Ranger Day: April 16

Bring your whole family out for a fun day of learning about Fort Union, the National Park Service and the rangers that work here. There will be a living history demonstration in the morning and a family-friendly tour in the afternoon.

U.S. Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony: May 12

Join park staff and volunteers in welcoming individuals from around the globe as they take the final step to become Citizens of the United States by taking their Oath of Allegiance on the grounds of Fort Union National Monument.

Night Sky Star Party: May 27

Come learn about the night skies over Fort Union and what makes them so special at the special night sky party. There will be a short presentation about astronomy and telescopes to look through. The presentation will start at 7:30 p.m.

Junior Ranger Camp: June 7 (ages 7-8), June 8 (ages 9-10), June 9 (ages 11-12)

10:00AM –4:00PM Geared for the youngest of our visitors, the Junior Ranger Camp is an all-day exploration of Fort Union's unique cultural, natural, and military aspects. **Each camp is limited to 20 - so please call to make a reservation. Enrollment will be taken beginning May 1, 2017.**

Fort Union Days : June 17-18

The annual Fort Union Days two-day special event will take place on the Fort Union National Monument park grounds, Saturday and Sunday June 17-18, 2017. This year's event will highlight the contributions and heritage of the Buffalo Soldier.

63rd Anniversary of Fort Union National Monument: June 28

Come celebrate the birthday of Fort Union as a unit of the National Park Service. Join us for a special 10:00 am tour and 2:00 pm Ranger Program about the history of the National Park Service.

Night Sky Star Party: July 22

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166th Anniversary of Fort Union's Establishment: July 27

Join staff, volunteers, and friends of Fort Union National Monument for a special program and tour in commemoration the 166th Anniversary of the establishment of the first Fort Union.

Candlelight Tours: August 12

Walk under the stars and back into history, to witness historical based skits which bring to life the stories of Fort Union's past. **Each tour is limited to 20 – please call to make a reservation beginning on July 15, 2017. Tour times TBA**

Camp of Instruction: September 9-10

Step back into history and witness the training of Company "A" of the 3rd New Mexico Volunteer Infantry, one of many Union Hispanic regiments organized at Fort Union that once defended the New Mexico Territory during the Civil War.

First Fort & Arsenal Tours: September 16

Only open to the public once a year, the First Fort and Arsenal site offers the unique opportunity to walk the grounds where Fort Union's legacy began in 1851. Visitors will be led by car caravan from the visitors to the First Fort and Arsenal site. **1st Tour 9:00 AM, 2nd Tour 10:30 AM, 3rd Tour 12:15 PM, Final Tour 2:00 PM**

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2017 Glimpses of the Past



Programs will be held at the CCHP/Santa Fe Trail Interpretive Center, 116 Bridge Street, Las Vegas, NM, on the third Thursday, March –September at 7:00PM, and Friday, October 20th.

March 16: *“Estevan the Black: Journey into the Unknown.” Mr. Edward Wallace*

Discover the journey of Estevan, a Moor and Spanish slave who would lead an incredible journey in 1527 that would see him as one of the first Europeans to set foot in much of the southwest as he survived a harsh landscape, was revered as a god, and his last moments at the Zuni Pueblo.

April 20: *“Amazing Women of the Wild West: Territorial New Mexico.” Ms. VanAnn Moore*

Learn about some of the incredible women who lived and thrived during the “Wild” Territorial period of New Mexico. Ms. VannAnn Moore brings to life Dona Tules, Susan Magoffin, and Lydia Spencer Lane as examples of what it took to survive in the Wild West.

May 18: *“Ceran St. Vrain: A Life’s Journey” Mrs. Christine St. Vrain-Fischahs*

Ceran St. Vrain’s impact on the Southwest can be found in the trails, old centers of trade, and in the surrounding landscape. He made a name that would become legend as a trapper, trader, entrepreneur, and a soldier. Step into to journey of Ceran and discover the legacy he left behind.

June 15: *“The Long Walk of 1864” Ranger Henry Ravis**

Fort Union played a significant role in the campaign of forced removal against the Navajo and Mescalero Apache in what is called the Long Walk of 1864 by supplying food, soldiers, and ammunition. The Navajo people were marched over 500 miles from their homelands in Arizona, through Fort Union, to the Bosque Redondo. Over 4,000 Navajo people died at and along the way to Bosque Redondo. Join Ranger Henry Ravis and learn more about the tragedy that would come to be known as the Long Walk.

July 20: *“Commerce and Culture on the Santa Fe Trail.” Dr. Irene Blea*

Explore the Santa Fe Trail with Dr. Irene Blea and learn about fascinating places, flora and fauna, and the many cultures from which travelers originated

August 17: *“The Grand Ball: Life is a Party.” Ken Dusenberry**

Balls and social gatherings on the frontier were always popular and would often encourage long travel at the chance of meeting new people, and new opportunities. It was a grand orchestrated show with decorum being of the highest priority. Join Ken Dusenberry and discover the all that went into the hosting of a grand party.

September 14: *“Hoops, Lace, and Leather: Victorian Dress on Prairie.” Ranger Megan Urban**

Dressing in Victorian era was no easy task for woman who would often wear a minimum of 7-layers. Join Megan Urban for a fashion show covering the extraordinary outfits of the Victorian lady.

October 20: *“La Llorona, the Wailing Woman.” Rosalia de Aragon*

The story of this famous ghost from Spanish folklore, known throughout the world for her spine chilling cries, comes to life with Rosalia de Aragon in this Chautauqua program.

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